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SUBJECT: GVN FOREIGN MINISTER'S JANUARY 26 PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER BAC'S SUGGESTION AT HIS JANUARY 26 NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE MIGHT SEEK A NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH HANOI RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION IN THE LOCAL PRESS BUT WAS MADE THE LEAD IN UPI'S REPORT. IT WAS ALSO PROMINENTLY PLAYED BY VOA AS HEARD HERE. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM PARA 25 REFTEL, BAC'S SUGGESTION WAS NOT INTENDED AS A CAREFULLY CONSIDERED NEW INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, NEITHER WAS IT SIMPLY AN OFF-HAND REMARK. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THE REASON FOR BAC'S RAISING THE NOTION OF A NON-AGGRESSION PACT AT ALL WAS TO PLEASE THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR WHO HAD WANTED BAC TO SAY "SOMETHING NICE" ABOUT PRESIDENT PARK'S NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL FOR KOREA.

2. BAC'S PRESS CONFERENCE RECEIVED GOOD COVERAGE IN THE SAIGON PRESS CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT NOT ALL PAPERS HAD REOPENED AFTER TET. "LIBERATION RADIO" REACTION AS MONITORED HERE (FBIS S270205 JAN 74) CALLED BAC'S PROPOSAL TO MEET WITH THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTER AN "OLD MANEUVER." NOT SURPRISINGLY, IT HAD NOTHING TO

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SAY ABOUT BAC'S QUESTIONS DIRECTED TO THE DRV/PRG ABOUT THEIR

ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PARACELS AFFAIR.

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